

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-5, 7-24 and 26-34 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 14, 16, 21 and 32-34 are independent.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-5, 7-24 and 26-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2002/0152082 to Harradine (hereinafter merely, "Harradine").

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

"A content editing assistance system comprising ...

a take-metadata generator for generating a take-metadata file based on the electronic mark data generated for each take;

a manager for managing the content data and the take-metadata file relating to the content data **as separate files;**

a list generator for generating electronic-mark-list data based on the take-metadata file ..." (Emphasis added)

Accordingly, one embodiment of the instant invention is a content editing assistance system including a take-metadata generator for generating a take-metadata file based on the electronic mark data generated for each take, a manager for managing the content data and the take-metadata file relating to the content data as separate files, and a list generator for generating electronic-mark-list data based on the take-metadata file, as recited in independent

claim 1. Therefore, in the instant case, a unit of a take-metadata is generated simultaneously, in the sense that the take-metadata file is separately generated and recorded 'take-by-take' as shown and described in Figs. 10 and 12 and their accompanying disclosure of the instant application. So it is easy to manage the content data for every take.

Harradine, however, relates to an audio/video reproducing apparatus connected to a communications network for selectively reproducing items of audio/video material from a recording medium in response to a request received via the communications network. The audio/video reproducing apparatus includes a control processor operable in use to receive data representing the request for the audio/video material item via the communications network. A reproducing processor is operable in response to signals identifying the audio/video material items from the control processor to reproduce the audio/video material items. The data identifying the audio/video material items includes meta data indicative of the audio/video material items. The meta data may be one of UMID, tape ID and time codes, and a Unique Material Identifier the material items. Therefore, in Harradine, the metadata file is generated only for each tape ID.

Applicants respectfully submit that Harradine does not teach or suggest the above identified feature of claim 1. Specifically Harradine does not disclose or suggest a content editing assistance system including a take-metadata generator for generating a take-metadata file based on the electronic mark data generated for each take, a manager for managing the content data and the take-metadata file relating to the content data as separate files, and a list generator for generating electronic-mark-list data based on the take-metadata file, as recited in independent claim 1.

For at least the foregoing reasons Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 patentably distinguishes over Harradine, and therefore is allowable.

Since independent claims 2, 14, 16, 21 and 32-34 are similar or somewhat similar in scope to claim 1, they are also allowable for the same reasons.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons.

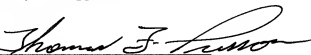
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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